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**Re: Fatty Nitrogen Derivatives Panel Nitriles Task Group, Consortium No.
HPV Chemical Challenge Program Submission of Nitriles Category
Justification and Testing Rationale**

Dear Administrator Leavitt:

The Fatty Nitrogen Derivatives Panel Nitriles Task Group of the American Chemistry Council submits the subject documents to EPA's HPV Chemical Challenge Program as its test plan for a category covering 14 chemicals. The Nitriles Task Group includes the following member companies that are sponsoring these chemicals under the Voluntary HPV Chemical Challenge Program: Akzo Nobel Chemicals Inc.; Crompton Corporation; and Goldschmidt Chemical Corporation.

This submission includes the following documents:

- Fatty Nitrogen Derived Nitriles Category High Production Volume (HPV) Chemical Challenge – Assessment of Data Availability and Test Plan and
- Appendix A: Robust Summaries for Reliable Studies.

Due to the size of the files, this submission is also being sent via CD-Rom to the above address. An email will be sent to the following email addresses to notify EPA of the submission:

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If you require additional information, please contact F. J. "Sonny" Maher, Fatty Nitrogen Derivatives Panel Manager at (703) 741-5605 or sonny_maher@americanchemistry.com.

Sincerely yours,

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